

REMARKS

The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Action.

By this Amendment, claims 2-3 have been amended for clarity and new claims 7-12 have been added to further set forth the invention. No new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, claims 1-12 are submitted for consideration.

Priority

It is noted with appreciation that acknowledgment has been made for the priority claim and receipt of the certified priority documents.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is also noted with appreciation that claims 2 and 3 have been indicated in the outstanding Action as containing allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim Objection

Claims 2 and 3 are objected to due to certain informalities.

Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to address certain concerns as set forth in the outstanding Action.

Section 103 Rejection

Claims 1 and 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tosaki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,312,335, hereinafter "*Tosaki*") in view of Uemura, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,521,020, hereinafter "*Uemura*").

The present invention as set forth in claims 1 and 3-6 is directed to a fishing game apparatus connected directly to a television monitor. Particularly, the apparatus includes a casting rod where both acceleration sensor and game processor are provided therein.

Tosaki discloses a game device that includes, *inter alia*, a rod 10, an acceleration sensor 105, and a game processing device 2. Although the game processing device 2 in *Tosaki* is located external to the rod 10, the outstanding Action cites *Uemura*, which discloses an apparatus for displaying characters for a television game, as supplementing for such deficiency because the game processing units in *Uemura* are housed in a single housing along with an input device (game machine 2) that is connected directly to a television receiver 1.

However, it is noted that the game processing device 2 of *Tosaki* is by itself an input device directly connected to a television 3 and houses the game processing units. Therefore, *Uemura* simply adds nothing more to the teaching of *Tosaki* with respect to an input device directly connected to a television set and houses one or more game processing units.

As such, the combined teaching of *Tosaki* and *Uemura* merely yields an input device, which is directly connected to a television set and includes a plurality of

processing units but excludes both rod and acceleration sensor. By contrast, the claimed invention specifically requires, *inter alia*, that the game processor is provided in the casting rod to determine a casting distance, and such structure is neither taught nor suggest by ***Tosaki*** and ***Uemura***, either individually or in combination.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of claims 1-12, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

If this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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